



MSCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING REPORT

April 20, 2017

The Urban Child Institute

600 Jefferson Avenue, Conference Room #2 – 3 p.m.

The Memphis Shelby Crime Commission (MSCC) Board of Directors meeting was called to order by board of directors Chairman Ben Adams. The January and February board reports were approved at the conclusion of the board meeting.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

John Dudas introduced four prospective board members for consideration to the MSCC board of directors: Judge John Campbell, Judge Gerald Skahan (present), Acting U. S. Attorney Larry Laurenzi and Melanie Blakeney. The vote was presented and approved to accept all four candidates as members to the board.

MAJOR CHARLES NEWELL:

Ben Adams acknowledged MPD Major Charles Newell's contribution to the staff of the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission followed by a plaque presentation from Bill Gibbons. Mr. Gibbons extended gratitude to Major Newell for his many years of service and dedication to the Crime Commission as the official MPD liaison.

Mr. Gibbons indicated that MPD Director Rallings has assigned Jim Harvey as the new liaison to the Crime Commission.

OSC PLAN OUTCOME INDICATORS:

Bill Gibbons presented the Operation: Safe Community crime plan 2017-2021 Outcome Indicators for the first quarter, including the following:

- Memphis - Major Violent Crime rate indicates a 4.8% decrease from 2006 and a .2% increase from 2016.
- Shelby County – Major Violent Crime rate indicates an 8.3% decrease from 2006 and a .3% increase from 2016.
- Memphis* – Major Property Crime rate indicates a 27.8% decrease from 2006 and a 14.6% increase from 2016.
- Shelby County* – Major Property Crime rate indicates a 32.4% decrease from 2006 and a 12.9% increase from 2016.

- Memphis – Overall Crime rate indicates a 17.2% decrease in 2017 compared to 2006 and a 7.1% increase compared to 2016.
- Shelby County – Overall Crime rate indicates a 22.2% decrease in 2017 compared to 2006 and a 4.9% increase compared to 2016.

*Mr. Gibbons noted that the increase in major property crimes is mainly due to auto thefts. MPD has been aggressively working to reduce auto theft arrests, with a 68% increase in auto theft arrests over the first three months of last year and an 81% in juveniles charged with this offense compared to last year.

OSC GOAL OUTCOME INDICATORS:

Mr. Gibbons also gave a summary of OSC goal outcome indicators, including the following highlights:

Goal A: Strengthen community engagement in crime prevention efforts.

Mr. Gibbons indicated that a survey is being developed to gauge the community's feedback on law enforcement in the community.

Goal B. Strengthen law enforcement's ability to reduce violent street crime.

Mr. Gibbons reported murders January – March (rate per 100,000 population) as follows:

- Memphis – a 20.3% increase in 2017 compared to 2006 and a 26.0% decrease compared to 2016.
- Shelby County – a 13.3% increase in 2017 compared to 2006 and a 26.0% decrease compared to 2016.

Goal C: Strengthen intervention programs for ex-offenders.

- Mr. Gibbons defined recidivism as the percentage of convicted felony inmates who are re-incarcerated within three years of the year in which they were released to Shelby County from incarceration in a county facility or Department of Correction facility. Shelby County indicated a decrease from 2015 (35.5%) in 2016 (31.7%).

Commissioner Tony Parker indicated that there was a 3.8% reduction for Shelby County from the previous year. In reviewing other metropolitan cities, he also indicated an overall reduction in recidivism.

Mr. Gibbons, emphasized that the report presented had areas of incompleteness due to stakeholders that had not provided critical data for completion. He requested that the responsible goal stakeholders fully submit their data by the next board meeting to provide a more comprehensive baseline for comparison going forward.

Mr. Gibbons also presented for future consideration the releasing of raw crime data vs. crime rates. He added that raw crime data is the data the media prefers whereas

the crime rates currently used are per 100,000. He also noted that a number of board members had suggested releasing crime data quarterly rather than monthly.

OSC OBJECTIVE OUTCOME INDICATORS:

Brona Pinnolis presented an additional report on Objective Outcome indicators and referred to the 2017 Objective milestones. Those highlighted:

- Goal A: Strengthen community engagement in crime prevention efforts.
Objective A1: Establish and maintain a “Neighborhood Safety Initiative (NSI) that builds on and strengthens partnerships among neighborhood groups, law enforcement, and other city/county government agencies. (On Schedule).

She noted that there were 3,963 citizens participating in community groups related to crime prevention as of the end of 2016. The goal is to double participation.

- Objective A2: Establish a community prosecution model in targeted communities. (On Schedule)

She noted that the District Attorney’s office had implemented a community prosecution model in the Old Allen MPD precinct/Sheriff’s Office adjacent districts and the MPD Tillman precinct.

- Goal D: Enhance domestic violence prevention and intervention efforts.
Objective D2: Effectively implement a “domestic violence initiative (DVI)” model in which multiple law enforcement agencies team up with community members and social service providers.

The Outcome indicator is to reduce the number of offenders with prior domestic violence convictions by at least 25% by 2021. Ms. Pinnolis noted that intimate partner DV referred cases in the first quarter of 2016 vs. 2017 show a reduction in defendants with a prior DV conviction (17.4% vs. 11.5%).

- Goal E: Enhance interventions for juveniles committing delinquent acts.
Objective E1: Establish a juvenile assessment center (JAC) to provide needs assessments for non-violent juvenile offenders rather than automatically involving them in the criminal justice system.

The Objective Outcome is to reduce the number of youth referred to Juvenile Court by at least 50% by 2021 and reduce the number of juveniles committing repeat delinquent acts by at least 35% by 2021.

Ms. Pinnolis noted that Juvenile court complaints for delinquency or “unruly” juveniles in the 1st quarter of 2016 vs. 2017 show a 29.8% decrease.

General Amy Weirich presented a picture of the community prosecution team active in the Old Allen precinct and Sheriff’s Office districts 6 and district 7. General Weirich said

she considered this model to be successful in speeding up the process from arrest to disposition, developing relations in the community and in connecting victims to services. She also stated that the Old Allen precinct will now house a juvenile probation officer to handle juvenile violations presented.

Regarding another OSC plan objective, Bill Gibbons stated that Sen. Mark Norris was hopeful that the \$1.4 million fiscal note would be covered that is needed to pass legislation for felons in possession of firearms.

JUVENILE ASSESSMENT CENTER (J.A.C.):

A report was presented by Mayor Mark Luttrell, who indicated that the center was initially conceived to both provide services for youth offenders and relieve law enforcement. A working group is making progress on the objective; however, the goal is to develop a plan and cost analysis by October 2017. A delegation is going to Denver to review their facilities in May 2017 and possibly reviewing the juvenile facilities in Miami, Florida later this year. Funding for the J.A.C. will not be presented until next year.

LAW ENFORCEMENT STAFFING:

This report was presented by MPD Director Mike Rallings. The current complement and staffing is 1,964 commissioned officers, 108 police recruits, 158 radio dispatchers, 29 police service technicians, with 41 police service technicians in training. Director Rallings indicated that 25 Blue Path participants are expected to start June 2017 and that MPD is actively recruiting for the 124th police recruit class.

NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY INITIATIVE:

This report was presented by Harold Collins. Mr. Collins' presentation included visuals of the Old Allen/Tillman areas. He emphasized, since January 2017, Old Allen has added three neighborhood watch groups, and the Tillman precinct has added four groups. More importantly, decision making bodies (health department, code enforcement and MPD colonels from each precinct) are available at every meeting to immediately address blight and crime. Mr. Collins also stated that additional meetings with churches and other organization are in the works to further implement the neighborhood watch initiative.

PRESENTATION: HOMICIDES, VIOLENCE, YOUTH, GUNS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Dr. Angela Madden presented results from research conducted by University of Memphis faculty. Key points presented:

Location of Homicides

- 26% of the homicide incidents within Memphis were within a 1.5 mile proximity of Lamar Ave.
- 14% were in the Old Allen MPD precinct.

- 16% were south of 1-240, between Bill Morris Pkwy and Hwy 78.

Homicide and DV History

- 61% of homicides were related to domestic violence and/or involved a victim and/or offender with a history of domestic violence.
- Only 39% had no DV connection.

Gun Crime Recidivism (through 12/31/2015)

- 16% of gun crime arrests in 2015 were of juveniles with at least 1 prior gun crime arrest since 2010.
- 56% of gun crime arrests in 2015 were of individuals 18-24 with at least 1 prior gun crime arrest since 2010.
- 71% of all gun crime arrests in 2015 were of “youthful” offenders with at least 1 prior gun crime arrest since 2010.

Gun Arrests & Violent Gun Arrests by Age: 2014-2016

- Juveniles were 11.4% of all gun arrests and 16.2% of all violent gun arrests.
- 18-24 year-olds were 45.9% of all gun arrests and 43.2% of all violent gun arrests; in total, “youthful” offenders comprised 57.3% of all gun arrests and 59.4% of all violent gun arrests.

Dr. Madden stated that homicides and domestic violence are closely related and indicated that DV homicides are increasing and becoming more lethal.

Director Rallings emphasized that youth be our focus for the next 10-15 years by mobilizing the churches and targeting the educational piece (truancy). He stated that it has a direct correlation between cause and effect on homicides.

Mayor Strickland agreed that juvenile intervention is necessary and mentioned Shelby County Schools’ “Team Read” as a way of getting more citizens involved.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Financials – The financial report was submitted by the treasurer, Johnny Moore. The financial statement presented, February 28, 2017, was due to a software change preventing the release of March, 2017 statement. MSCC current assets are as follows:

- Cash (as of February 28, 2017 - \$233,747.26
- Pledge receivables - \$39,000
- Pledge receivables - (MPD) \$610,000
- Total liabilities - \$33,379

Johnny Moore indicated that the statement of activities is now reflective of 5 months of the fiscal year and the budget variance year to date shows a shortage of \$172,401.07 due to a delay in contributions. He provided a cash update indicating cash on hand of

\$349,000, of which \$109,000 is for Crime Commissions operations and \$239,000 is earmarked for MPD.

Bill Gibbons summarized the latest audit and noted that copies were available at the end of the meeting.

Ben Adams stated that new contributors are needed along with assistance in raising contributions. He noted that 17 out of 48 board members are currently giving, and everyone's assistance is needed in both capacities (giving and fundraising).

Meeting adjourned.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ben C. Adams, Jr. (Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC)
Mr. Louis "Bo" Allen (First Tennessee Bank)
Mr. Jerry Blum (AutoZone)
Mr. Dave Carlson (Smith & Nephew)
Mr. John Dudas (Belz Enterprises)
Mr. Jeffrey Higgs Ex. Director (Lemoyne-Owen College Community Development Corporation)
Mr. Henry Hooper II, Agent/Owner (State Farm Insurance)
Mr. Pierce Ledbetter (LEDIC Mgt. Group, LLC)
Mayor Mark Luttrell (Shelby County Government)
Mr. Rick Masson (Plough Foundation)
Mr. Johnny Moore, Jr. (SunTrust Bank, Memphis)
Councilman Worth Morgan (City of Memphis Government)
Ms. Olliette Murry-Drobot (Family Safety Center)
Commissioner Tony Parker (Tennessee State Government)
Director Michael Rallings (City of Memphis Government)
Judge Gerald Skahan (Shelby County Government)
Mr. David M. Slott (American Residential Services)
Mayor Jim Strickland (City of Memphis Government)
Ms. Blair Taylor (Memphis Tomorrow)
Dr. K. B. Turner (University of Memphis)
District Attorney Amy Weirich (Tennessee State Government)
Mr. Craig Weiss (Central Defense Security/Tower Ventures)
Mr. Bob Nations, for Sheriff Bill Oldham (Shelby County Government)

Also in attendance:

Steve Shular
Angela Madden
Harold Collins
Bill Gibbons
Linda Russell
Brona Pinnolis

Presented by,
Sharon (Sam) Walker
Executive Assistant- Memphis Shelby Crime Commission